

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Committee of the Whole – Virtual Meeting
Friday, August 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The virtual Committee as a Whole meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by board Chairman Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Sam Gilliam.

Roll Call by Dr. Ray Belton.

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Atty. Jody Amedee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Bakari Garvey, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Ms. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mrs. Arlanda Williams.

Absent: Atty. Edwin Shorty

Agenda Item 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Chairman Rutledge asked for adoption of the agenda with a change to Action Item 5T (15) – The position title should read **“Interim Dean of the Graduate School”**

Upon the motion by Dr. Leroy Davis to adopt the agenda with the change, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Dr. Leon Tarver made a motion to approve Action Items 5A – 5N globally and Dr. Rani Whitfield second the motion.

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

- A. Request Approval of the Minutes from the July 29, 2020 Legal Affairs Committee and Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**
- B. Request Ratification of Summer 2020 Graduates (SUBR)**
- C. Request Approval of Mission Statements Upon Having Been Reviewed by System Campuses (SUBR, SUNO, SUSLA, SULC, SUAREC)**

- D. Request Approval of the Distance Education Course Attendance Policy (SUBR)**
- E. Request Approval of the Policy on Mandatory Professional Licensure Disclosure (SUBR)**
- F. Request Approval of the Policy on the Determination of Student Location for State Authorization and Disclosure (SUBR)**
- G. Request Approval of the Policy relative to COVID-19 Face Covering (SUS)**
- H. Request Approval of System Uniform Title IX Policy and Procedures (SUS)**
- I. Request Approval to Amend the Follett, Inc. (Bookstore) Contract and Access Fee to Support the Acquisition of E-book Courses and Materials (SUBR, SUNO, SUSLA)**
- J. Request Approval of the Southern University and A&M College Endowed Professorship Nominees for August 2020 - July 2023 (SUBR)**
- K. Request Approval to negotiate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Southern University and A&M College (SUBR) and Louisiana Leadership Institute (LLI) (SUBR)**
- L. Request Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between Southern University at Shreveport and the Downtown Airport (SUSLA)**
- M. Request Approval of the Mixed Reality Virtual Innovation Gaming and Entertainment Sports Institute (SULC)**
- N. Request Approval of the 3+3 BA/BS and JD Degree Program Articulation Agreement between Southern University Law Center and Boise State University (SULC)**

Atty Pat Magee made a motion to approve Action Items O – U with open discussion and the motion was second by Dr. Rani Whitfield. Motion Approved.

Atty Rutledge requested Dr. Belton and Mr. McClinton to discuss items O and P in detail if there are not any objections. There were no objections. Dr. Belton thanked Atty Rutledge and the members of the board and he mentioned they are prepared to make a presentation and asked Mr. McClinton to start off by providing an overview of the budgets as applicable to all of the campuses within the Southern University System. Mr. McClinton presented the Operating Budget and distribution by campus. He discussed the total budgets by campus as well. He also explained the Cares Act Funds received by campus and discussed the restricted funds for the Cares Act Funds. Mr. McClinton mentioned they will be watching

the budget very closely this fiscal year and will be ready to make any adjustments to the expenditures accordingly. He concluded his report and asked if there were any questions. Atty Pat Magee thanked Mr. McClinton for the report. He asked, “what does all this mean?” Mr. McClinton commented on the budget and informed the board that “they have developed a realistic budget which is based on funding that they anticipate and any adjustment that will need to be made as they progress through the year, they will make those adjustments.” Atty Magee mentioned to Mr. McClinton that what he hears is that he is comfortable with this budget today at this time with our projections?” Mr. McClinton said “that is correct, sir”

Dr. Leroy Davis asked a question based on his observation, “he wants to know if the Cares Act Funds received a few months ago been allocated? Mr. McClinton responded, yes, the campuses are utilizing the funds but in terms of the amounts that have been spent as of this point, he don’t have that information today, but he could provide a report from each campus later.” He said he do know each campus are spending their funds.” Dr. Davis also asked if the funds are being used to make sure that the campus is up and running and that we meet all the requirements of CDC government and the governor’s office as far as getting the campuses ready for the semester.” Mr. McClinton responded, “based on my best information, that is correct sir.”

Mr. Sam Gilliam commented on the student enrollment for all campuses and his concerns as well as the census date which is coming in early September around September 3rd Mr. Gilliam asked if he could request to have a periodic report on what the enrollment trends are looking like from each of the campuses?” Mr. Chairman said yes,” Absolutely.” He deferred to Dr. Belton and Dr. Belton agreed with Mr. Gilliam observation on the student enrollment and echoed Mr. McClinton by stating “the campuses have already made some projections based on what their student enrollment is and any declines and have taken that into account into the budget. Dr. Belton also discussed “this year will be different as we are now moving toward a common census date that the Board of Regents has established and so we have much longer to facilitate registration and capture as many students as possible. We have until the second or third week in September as opposed to the first week in September before we are required to publish a head count for the Fall semester. It is my understanding that we have funding on all the campuses set aside to ensure that we can stabilize our budgets. There are significant declines on the campuses, so we have purposefully tried to hold some dollars in revenues. To offset an unanticipated decline to which we have not accounted for an so we will accordingly make decisions as our enrollment unfolds throughout the year. But to answer your question Mr. Gilliam, we can provide for you a periodical update reflecting on the trends as they unfold.” Due to the additional questions, Dr. Belton explained in the detail the reasoning behind the extended census date from which is due to the Board of Regents as well as the Cares Act Funding distributed to each campus. Mr. Sam Gilliam thanked Dr. Belton for the detailed explanation and Mr. Chairman for his support. In closing, Dr. Belton wanted to mention that “higher education was cut this year by 2%. And when you see the reduction in state appropriation, that is where that reduction is coming from.”

Dr. Belton asked Mr. McClinton to speak on the athletic budgets. Mr. McClinton discussed the budget for this year and compared to last year budget. He explained the difference and showed the breakdown for the reduction in the budget. He also explained the revenues which has dropped for this year. Mr. McClinton asked if Mr. Benjamin Pugh or Athletic

Director Banks wanted to elaborate more on this topic? They discussed what this athletic season would look like and the decrease in revenues and AD Banks discussed all the games for the spring and the spring sports in detail. He briefly discussed what the football season will look like, but he mentioned all information discussed is subject to change. Mr. Pugh and AD Banks scrubbed the budget as much as they could, and they considered everything when preparing the budget. They will continue to monitor throughout the year. AD answered several questions and he said he was available if anyone wanted to contact him.

O. FY2020-2021 Operating Budgets: (detail copies are included with the packet)

1. Southern University System Employee Schedule
2. Southern University Board and System Administration Operating Budget
3. Southern University Board and System Inter-Institutional Cost Transfer Budget
4. Southern University Board and System Administration Inter-Institutional Transfers Direct Charges Budget
5. Southern University Board and System Special Meals and Miscellaneous Travel Budget
6. Southern University Baton Rouge Campus Operating Budget
7. Southern University Law Center Operating Budget
8. Southern University New Orleans Campus Operating Budget
9. Southern University Shreveport Campus Operating Budget
10. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center Operating Budget
11. SUBR Athletics Intercollegiate Budget
12. SUSLA Athletics Budget

P. Request Approval of Budget Adjustment - BA-7

1. Southern University and A&M College Baton Rouge
2. Southern University at Shreveport

Q. Request Approval of the Policy for Indirect Cost Recovery and Reallocation Plan (SUSLA)

R. Request Approval for Campus Technology Access Fee (SUSLA)

S. Request Approval to Adjust Math Lab Course Fees (SUSLA)

T. Request Approval of Personnel Actions for Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Clyde Bagley	Director of Beef Cattle Research Program (New Appointment) SUAREC	\$90,000.00	State
2. B. Summer Chandler	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$90,000.00	State
3. Brunetta Dillard	Vice-Chancellor for Finance (New Appointment) SUAREC	\$145,000.00	State
4. Robert Easley	Director of Advancement (New Appointment) SUAREC	\$80,000.00	State
5. Jeremy R. Gathe	Associate General Counsel & Executive Director for Compliance and Ethics (New Appointment) SUS	\$95,000.00	State
6. Terry Hall	Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration (Salary Adjustment) SULC	\$162,000.00	State
7. Michael Harris, Sr.	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$99,000.00	State
8. Joseph M. Isanga	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$99,000.00	State
9. Flandus McClinton	Vice-President for Finance and Administration (Salary Adjustment) SUS	\$185,000.00	State
10. Benjamin Pugh	Vice-Chancellor for Finance and Administration (Salary Adjustment) SUBR	\$165,000.00	State
11. Greg Sergienko	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$108,000.00	State
12. Ryan B. Stoa	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$95,000.00	State

13.	Tracie Washington	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$90,000.00	State
14.	Shandrea P. Williams	Visiting Faculty (New Appointment) SULC	\$99,000.00	State
15.	Ashagre A. Yigletu	Dean of the Graduate School (New Appointment) SUBR	\$140,000.00	State
16.	Luria Young	Full Professor SMED/College of Science/Agriculture (New Appointment) SUBR	\$83,200.00	State

Dr Leroy Davis mentioned to Dr. McMeans that he notices he has some new individuals and if this complete his team? Dr. McMeans said he is close to being complete and he explained each new appointment.

U. Request Approval for Sabbatical Leave – Professor Cleveland Coon (SULC)

V. Resolutions

Dr. Katara Williams, Chief of Staff read resolutions for the following:

Judge Charles L. Elloie

Mr. Donald Harold Valliere, Sr.

Mrs. Lillian Raines Richardson

Mr. Lucius J. Barker

Mrs. Dinisa Hardley Folmar

Mrs. Noella Natalie Encalade Barthelemy

Mr. Treveon Jamal Belton

Mrs. Rose Audrey Metoyer Greggs

Mr. Fondel added John Robert Lewis to the list.

Upon motion from Mr. Fondel to approve the read resolutions with the addition and Dr. Leroy Davis second the motion. Motion approved.

Agenda Item 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Facilities and Property Update (SUS)

Mr. Eli Guillory gave an update on all projects for the campus. (all projects displayed on handout which is included in packet)

Chairman Rutledge thanked Mr. Guillory for the report and asked what was the timeline on the bridge completion? Mr. Guillory responded, “End of Spring 2021”

Mrs. Ann Smith thanked Mr. Guillory for the update on the projects. She requested photos of all campuses for the next meeting. Dr. Belton agreed and thanked Mr. Guillory for the update.

B. Medical Marijuana Update (SUAREC)

Chancellor McMeans thanked Dr. Jana Snowden for all her work and he introduced Dr. Jana Snowden who gave an update on the Medical Marijuana. She mentioned the CBD Line which was launched in January and she discussed the THC, Autism, and Insomnia Lines in detail as well as mentioning the partnership with Alera. She requested that any patient recommendation request SU line from pharmacy. She discussed the job opportunities and the new products. She concluded by mentioning anyone that has any questions after the meeting is free to email or contact her directly.

Dr. Leroy Davis congratulated Dr. Snowden and said, “he was glad to see her.” He asked, “what pharmacy in Baton Rouge is carrying the product?” Dr. Snowden informed everyone that the Capital Wellness off Essen Lane is the pharmacy and she would send information to the board members.”

Mr. Bakari Garvey inquired about the “education component and how does it look as far as platforms?” Dr. Snowden response was “it involves horticulture, business, nursing, law and hands on training.”

There were no additional questions. Atty Rutledge thanked Dr. Snowden for her presentation and all her work on this project.

Agenda Item 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Rutledge asked if there was any other business. Dr. Leroy Davis commended Dr. Belton and the staff for the virtual graduation. He said, “it was very well done and very informative.”

Mr. Fondel echoed Dr. Davis comment on the graduation and how nice it was. He also informed everyone that there is 90 days from election. He gave kudos to Dr. Belton and Dr. Merrick for how effective the SU Vote initiative was before and hope this year it will be the same or even better.

Chairman Rutledge mentioned the passing of Dr. Belton’s grandson and expressed his condolences from the board to he and his family. He also wished Ms. Arlanda Williams a happy birthday.

Dr. Belton thanked the board for all their calls and conversations this week. He also acknowledged all the work and heavy lifting the SU System and SUBR taskforce who done. They have been meeting under the leadership of Dr. Katara Williams and Attorney Tracie Woods.

Before closing Dr., Belton thanked Attorney Tavares Walker for all his work and wished him luck on his new job. He also commended Chairman Rutledge on being in the August edition of the Business Report.

Agenda Item 8: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rutledge made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Richard Hilliard second the motion. Motion passed.